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TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

NEGOTIATIONS FAIL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 5.15 p.m.

When consideration of the Minimum Wage Bill was resumed in the House of Commons Mr. Walter Long moved the adjournment of the debate. He asked "How can we discuss the Bill while negotiations are proceeding outside?"

DRAMATIC MOMENT.

Mr. Asquith at this moment entered the House and was greeted with general cheers. He declared that he had said on Friday and he now repeated it, that the Government could not insert any figures in the Bill. He agreed that 5/- and 2/- were not unreasonable as a minimum wage, but if the case was as strong as the miners' leaders thought, could they doubt what would be the decision of the District Boards on this subject?

SEEKING A SETTLEMENT.

He had made suggestions to both parties that day which had proved acceptable to neither. The Government had delayed the Bill from Friday to that day in the hope that it might be possible, when the ground of discussion, had been so narrowed, that some agreement might be come to by the parties.

FRUITLESS LABOURS.

Speaking with deep emotion, almost in a whisper, Mr. Asquith said that the Government had laboured for an agreement hard and persistently. It was to him a profound disappointment that he had no confessor to the House that all their labours had been unavailing.

ONE COURSE OPEN.

If at this fifty-ninth minute of the eleventh hour the parties could not come to a reasonable arrangement upon a matter of relatively small proportions, they would have a very serious account to render to the country. The Government had done all they could. They postponed legislation to the last possible moment. The only course now open to them was to ask the House to proceed with the Bill.

PASS THE BILL!

Mr. Asquith added:—Let the Bill pass at the earliest possible moment. Then, when it will be passed as a law of the land, when in the opinion of Parliament the underground miners are guaranteed a reasonable minimum wage, and when it will be further passed as a law of the land that there shall be provided fair and impartial machinery to ascertain and guarantee that minimum wage; then a continuation of the stoppage of work, with its infinite mischief and damage, would impress upon those responsible for it a burden of responsibility that they would find it very difficult to discharge.

HAD DONE THEIR BEST.

Mr. Asquith concluded:—We have exhausted all our powers of persuasion, argument and negotiation. We press the Bill upon the House as affording the best possible provisions in the great emergency with which we are confronted, and we claim that we have done our best in the public interest with perfect fairness and impartiality.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

OPPOSITION VIEW.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 5.15 p.m.

Mr. Bonar Law said that he deeply sympathised with Mr. Asquith. He trusted that the Bill would end the crisis and the men return to work. If not the Government was entitled to remind the miners that they also were British citizens. The whole forces of the country should be employed to protect any desiring to obey the law.

IN THE LORDS.

Lord Crew announced on the House of Lords that the Minimum Wage Bill would be brought before that House to-morrow, when he would move to enable more than one stage to be taken the same day.

POLITICAL LUNACY.

London, Mar. 26, 4.50 p.m.

Mr. Balfour, speaking in the City denounced the misuse of freedom of speech in order to promote mutiny. Such doctrines were sheer political lunacy. He was beginning to wonder if the forces of civilisation were able to resist the agents of disintegration.

THE LABOUR POSITION.

Bombay, Mar. 27, 7.30 a.m.

Mr. Ramray Macdonald said that the failure of the negotiations was entirely due to the owners, who had not budged an inch. If they wished to go to the public clean handed they must, before the Bill was passed, meet the men and agree to something substantial that would enable the leaders to tell the men the Bill was acceptable, otherwise the largest responsibility of the continued deadlock was theirs.

RUSHING THE BILL.

Mr. McKenna in the House of Commons said that as hitherto no settlement had been arrived at, the Government would take all the stages of the Coal Bill to-day.

KING AND GRAND NATIONAL.

There is every likelihood of the Liverpool race being abandoned. His Majesty the King, has intimated that he will not attend the Grand National to be run at Liverpool on Friday. His Majesty has telegraphed to Lord Derby, by whom he was to be entertained, to say that "the continuance of this disastrous coal strike makes it impossible for me to make any plans or leave London."

NATIONAL TO BE RUN.

The Lord Mayor of Liverpool states definitely that the Grand National will take place.

SUNDERLAND'S SERIOUS POSITION.

Further miners have resumed work in Scotland. A serious position has arisen in Sunderland where the electric supply is threatened. The lack of light and power will cause a vast amount of unemployment.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

MINIMA REJECTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

Bombay, March 27, 8.5 a.m.

The amendment inserting the Minima of 5/- and 2/- has been rejected by 326 votes to 83. The Labourites have decided to oppose the third reading.

CONFERENCE FAILS.

Bombay, Mar. 27 9.20 a.m.

A conference of coal owners and miners held at the Foreign Office lasted only for five minutes.

"I HAVE CHUCKED IT."

The Scottish miners presented a demand for minima of 5/9 and 3/- whereupon the bulk of the coal owners withdrew, one with the remark "I have chucked it."

A Scottish leader in the course of an interview said that 5/9 and 3/- had been the Scottish demand throughout. He denied that its reiteration had caused a rupture.

BLACKER THAN EVER.

Bombay, Mar. 26, 8.50 a.m.

The coal prospect last night was blacker than ever. The conference between the owners and the men, from which so much had been expected, was not held. Mr. Asquith and his colleagues conferred with the owners and two of the Miners' Executive for four hours but failed to bring them together.

Mr. McKenna announced in the House of Commons that it was hoped to take the Coal Bill to-day and suspend the eleven o'clock rule if necessary in order to put it through. It is, however, thought to be likely that the Bill will be repositioned at the conference between the Government and both sides will probably be prolonged.

OWNERS ATTITUDE.

It is stated that the attitude of the owners is hardening. In the belief that the strike will collapse in a fortnight, but a miners' leader, interviewed, believed that the strike would end, at the earliest, in three weeks, and at the latest in six weeks. It all depended on the action of the district committees, which the Government proposed to establish.

A thousand miners in Scotland, six hundred in North Wales and four hundred in Warwickshire, resumed work yesterday.

COAL STILL RISING.

Coal rose five shillings a ton in London yesterday, when it is estimated 27,000 were added to the unemployed. Throughout the country there is a demand for prompt Government action is becoming more insistent though it is argued from opposing standpoints. A section of the Conservatives, believing that half the strikers would return if they dared, is urging the despatch of troops and the proclamation of martial law in the coalfields. A section of the Radicals are insisting upon the inclusion of the 5/- and 2/- minima in the Coal Bill.

TELEGRAMS.

COAL CRISIS.

CONSEQUENCES OF FORCE.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 8.50 p.m.

The "Times" dwells upon the determination of the strikers and the terrible consequences of force, pointing out that leaders who have returned to London from visits to the districts are more irreconcilable than ever. It is the duty of the Government, says the "Times," to spare no efforts to secure a settlement. The "Times" understands that it is the Government's policy to pass the Bill and ascertain its effect before adopting further measures.

TERRIBLE DISTRESS.

The latest stories of distress are most poignant. One-third of the population at Ilkeston are existing on soup provided by philanthropists. This is almost typical of the sufferings in industrial centres such as Middlesbrough, where 25,000 ironworkers are idle. Children are described as fainting with hunger on the streets and others have been in bed for weeks, being devoid of clothes. A sad feature of the situation is the number of the better class who form part of the hunger queues. South Wales is described as threatening to be divided into two new classes, namely, givers and receivers of relief. West Yorkshire coal owners have contributed one thousand guineas for the relief of distress in Yorkshire.

A CONTRAST.

In contrast to the poverty is the fact that one colliery in Yorkshire estimates a quarter of a million in profit through selling its reserve stock of coal at present prices.

INDIANS IN THE TRANSVAAL.

A WHITE BOOK.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 26, 9.35 p.m.

The White Book promised by Lord Emmott relating to the Goldhill Township Amendment Act, and arising out of a debate in the House of Lords upon Indians in the Transvaal, has been published. It concludes with a minute from the Union Ministers repeating the assurances that it is not proposed to interfere with certain vested rights of the Indians but stating that it is impossible to allow attempts to acquire new rights.

A QUESTION OF RIGHTS.

The Asiatic leaders, it remarks, appear to be making an organised attempt to invade towns where Asiatics had no rights before, and the European community is consequently so exasperated that Ministers will probably be compelled to take action under the Townships Act to enforce the conditions contained in the title deeds.

RUSSIAN MINISTERS.

CHANGES REPORTED.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 8.50 a.m.

St. Petersburg reports that Minister Korostovetz at Peking has been appointed Minister at Morocco, while Mr. Krupensky, at present Councillor of the Embassy at Vienna, has been appointed Russian Minister at Peking.

TELEGRAMS.

CHINA IN TRANSITION.

NEW CABINET.

[Our Own Correspondent.]

Shanghai, Mar. 27, 9.25 a.m.

The Cabinet is expected to be completed on Thursday, after which its members will proceed to Nanking.

A MISSION FOR SUN.

Dr. Sun Yat-sen goes to Canton to tranquillize the province.

FINANCIAL STRESS.

The Government has not sufficient funds to disband the troops and scarcely enough to prevent rioting.

WONG HING ATTACKED.

Shanghai, March 26.

Wong Hing, Minister for War, has again been attacked by an assassin who shot at him from some distance, fortunately missing him. The assassin succeeded in escaping.

AMERICAN MURDERED.

Three American schoolmasters have been robbed by highwaymen in Szechuan. One of the foreigners was killed and the other two wounded. These two were conveyed to the Ichang Hospital for treatment.

OBILILI'S MARKET.

The Obilili Chamber of Commerce is contemplating the restoration of business by means of another foreign loan. Wan Shai-lam, a deputy, saw Yuan Shih-kai on the matter and while he was not in favour of the proposal, he promised that the Government would do all in their power to relieve the strain on the market that was being experienced at present.

APPOINTMENTS.

Sung Po-sen and Wong Po-han have been appointed Commissioners of Finance and Telegraphs respectively.

TROUBLE IN CHUOHOW.

Several thousand ruffians in Chuohow, Shantung province, have revolted. The city gates are closed and the situation is generally regarded as serious. It is feared that the trouble will spread.

BRITISHERS IN JAPAN.

MARRIAGE VALIDITY.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 8.50 a.m.

The House of Lords has passed the second reading of the Bill validating those marriages of Britishers contracted in Japan after the 16th July, 1899, which would have been void if contracted before that date. (This settles all doubts that have arisen about the surrender of extra-territoriality and the validity of marriages.)

TELEGRAMS.

HOME RACING.

LINCOLN RESULT.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 27, 2.30 a.m.

The race for the Lincolnshire Handicap was run to-day with the following result:

Long Set 1
Uncle Pat 2
Warfare 3

Seventeen ran. Betting: 13 to 2 Long Set, 7 to 1 Uncle Pat, 3 to 1 Warfare. Won by four lengths, three lengths separating second and third.

My Collar was ridden by Jellis and Shanballymore by Cairn. The place betting was 5-4 Warfare; others in proportion.

THE RACE.

From the start Cigar made the running from Spiked and Uncle Pat. Later, Uncle Pat went to the front but was overhauled a quarter of a mile from home by Long Set. Moreau was fourth.

HORNET'S BEAUTY.

According to the "Daily Express" the owner of Hornet's Beauty late last night authorised the statement that the horse will not run.

LEFT FOR LINCOLN.

London, Mar. 26, 10.45 a.m.

Hornet's Beauty left Newmarket for Lincoln in the morning and was apparently perfectly sound.

AUSTRALIAN TYPHOON.

HEAVY DEATHROLL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 25, 11.45 a.m.

A heavy death roll is reported from the West Australian typhoon. The coastal steamer Koombana, with 50 passengers, is overdue at Broome from Port Hedland and has been five days on a voyage which is usually accomplished in one day.

BANK ROBBERY.

THE SEQUEL.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 8.35 a.m.

Reuter's Paris correspondent states that the Cabinet has decided to ask for credit to the extent of one million francs to increase the Police Mobile Investigation Departments and to provide the police with motorcars, etcetera.

AUTOMOBILE CORPS.

London, March 26, 3.40 a.m.

A message from Paris states that Chantilly is in a state of panic, which has culminated in a series of automobile outrages by a gang of anarchists, for whom the entire French detective force has been fruitlessly hunting for three months. All stations in the suburbs are full of troops and police. The Government to-day is to introduce a Bill for the establishment of a police automobile corps.

MILITARY AVIATION.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, Mar. 26, 8.35 p.m.

The French Chamber has voted an additional sixteen million francs for Military Aviation.

TELEGRAMS.

OBITUARY.

ADMIRAL EDWARD FIELD.

[Service to the "Telegraph."]

London, March 26, 11.45 a.m.

The death is announced of Admiral Edward Field.

[Admiral Field, who was born in 1838, was M.P. for South Sussex from 1885-1900. He entered the Royal Navy in 1846. He must not be confounded with Rear-Admiral Arthur Mestyn Field.]

LORD HOLDEN.

London, Mar. 26, 3.40 a.m.

The death is announced of Lord Holden.—Reuter.

KIUKIANG RIOTS.

Plots of an Ambitious Officer Frustrated.

The chief instigator of the riots at Kiukiang has now been discovered to be one Yu Hsueh-sung, a member of the Commander's staff. This man aspired to be the Commander of the garrison, and in order to get a sufficient backing he offered the position of Governor of Kiukiang to General Si Lieh-ching, in command of the Central Corps of the Northern Expedition. This, however, was discovered by the Commander of the garrison, a man named Chu, who, being a friend of Ma, Tui-tai of Kiangai, communicated the whole scheme to him, thus balking the intrigue.

When Yu found out how his plans became known he determined to kill both the "Tatoh" and Chu. He went to Ma and requested to be made Captain of the bodyguard in place of Tan Tsao-tung. This Ma agreed to, but some of the soldiers rejected the proposal and for a second time Yu's plans were brought to naught. Yu still persevered and decided to murder the Commander of the garrison at a reception which was to be held in honour of the starting of a military society, but the intended victim got wind of the plot and turned up with a bodyguard of 300 men. This made Yu the more angry and he resolved not only to bring Chu but four of his Kiukiang friends to an untimely end and to deprive "Tatoh" Ma of some of his power at the same time.

Meanwhile at Nanchangfu and at several outlying districts, where soldiers had not received their wages, there had been trouble from looting and burning. In order to prevent this from spreading to Kiukiang, the soldiers who had been paid were turned out and guns placed at the principal points. This apparently was taken advantage of by Yu, for when Chu and his staff, composing a party of five, during a trip of inspection came to a company under the command of one of Yu's friends they found themselves covered by the loaded rifles of the soldiers, who demanded their resignation. They were bound and locked into cells. The soldiers were for executing them immediately, but pressure was brought to bear against this by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and it was decided to refer the case to Nanking. For a time the situation took on a very black aspect. The city gates were closed and the panic-stricken natives rushed about the streets trying to find a way out of the country. It is reported that there have been more soldiers

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12.45 p.m. to 1.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
1.15 p.m. to 1.45 p.m.	" 15 min.
1.45 p.m. to 2.15 p.m.	" 10 min.
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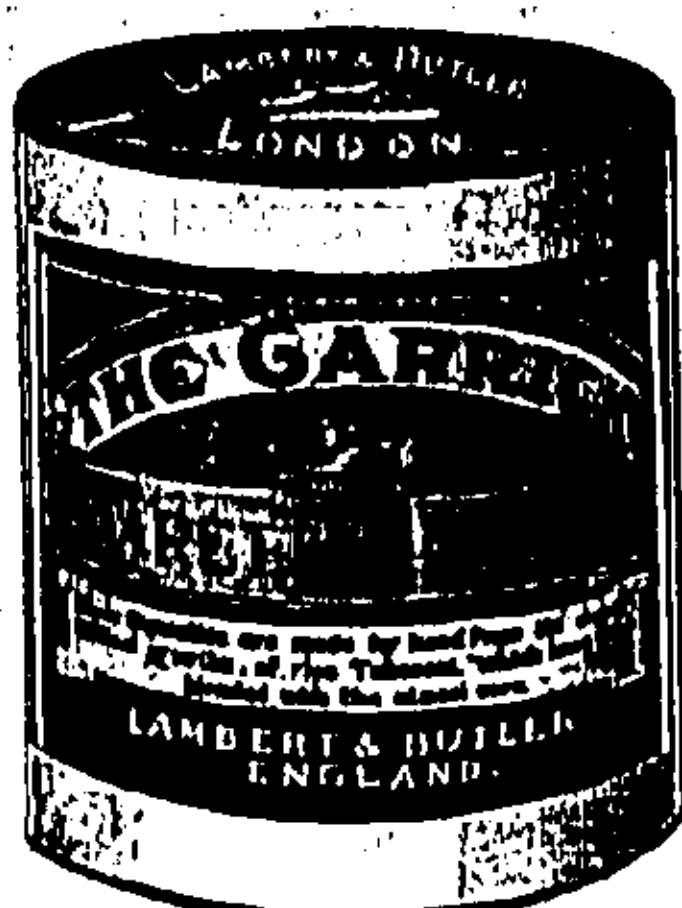
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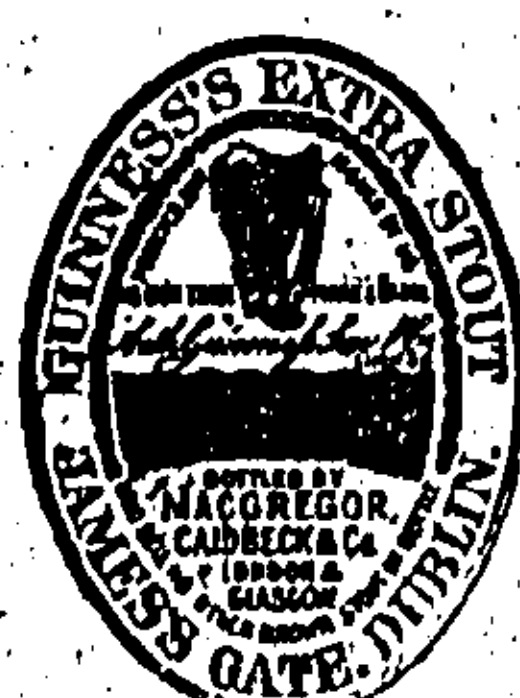
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China Mail.

British Coal Measures.

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that the British coal measures
are not inexhaustible. Sir Wil-
liam Ramsey, the well-known
scientist, places their producing
limit at 175 years, though other
investigators of equal eminence
are inclined to lengthen the curve
somewhat and extend the proba-
ble term of their productiveness
to at least the year 2,200
A.D. The prospect, which
ever way we look at it, is
rather disquieting, for it is upon
our coal supply that the very life
of the British nation depends. It
is from our cheap, abundant and
comparatively easily won coal
that we have hitherto been able to
obtain and hold the position in
the world that we now occupy
and which some nation are sup-
posed to envy us, and it therefore
seems to follow that with the
decline of our coal output will
come the passing away of our
preeminence among the industrial
nations of the earth.

Daily Press.

Independence of the Philippines.

What is needed is that a date
shall be definitely fixed inside of
which independence shall not be
conceded. Mr. W. A. Jones, Chair-
man of the House Committee on
Insular Affairs, has introduced a
Committee Bill which among other
things provides for the complete
withdrawal of the United States
and the independence of the
islands in 1920—eight years
hence. If that Bill becomes law
—a very unlikely event, we im-
agine—is it likely that American
capitalists would show any eager-
ness to invest largely in the
Philippines? We do not think
so, though it appears to be
the opinion of the Manila
Democrats that with independ-
ence definitely guaranteed, Amer-
ican capital would flow into
the country much more freely
than under the uncertain condi-
tions now existing. In our op-
inion this is an idle dream. The
best hopes for the development
of the Philippine Islands lie in a
definite pronouncement that the
United States will not consider
the question of granting the Phi-
lippine Islands political independ-
ence for at least a quarter of a
century.

South China Morning Post.

China Coast Lights.

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tion. There is apparently no
information available at pre-
sent as to the disposal of the
tunnage dues—a curious state
of affairs indeed—but the time
must surely come when the new
Government will have to show
that it is not neglecting its duty
to shipping. The Coast Inspec-
tor publishes annually a list of
works undertaken and completed
and this, with the coloured map
showing the position, dates and
radius of each light, proves that
in perhaps no other part of the
world has more been accom-
plished in the way of rendering
navigation safe and easy for ships
that pass in the night. Much,
however, remains undone which
might have been done with the
amount of money available, and
we see no reason why any part of
money collected for the lighting
of the coast should be withheld,
or diverted from its legitimate
purpose. The time seems to have
arrived now, not when the op-
position to the Whangpoo scheme
should itself, if opposition there
is to be for pressure to be
brought through diplomatic
channels for an account of what
has been done with the money,
and some indication from the
Government as to the intention
with regard to the future of the
future collection.

THE BOOK WORLD.

(In this column will appear from time to time reviews of books and chat on books and writers.)

Everyman's Library.

Walt Whitman's "Leaves of Grass" appears in the new Everyman lot. It is a timely reprint; there is a Whitman wave coming; and it will clean and purify us. He is one of the masters who help us to tidy up our minds. There has always been a demand for Whitman. His "Leaves of Grass" and "Democratic Vistas" have never been removed in price beyond the popular purse, the latter has been one of the items in the Scott Library for a generation; and the "Leaves" has made many appearances, now dear, now cheap, and at last has found a place in the best of all modern series. Besides, it is worthy of remark that this new edition is the real thing, containing much copyright matter, and that another volume will complete the work. The hint is enough; Whitman is an author one must chance upon for one self. From information received I learn something you may be pleased to know, says the "Book-seller" in the "Glasgow Evening News." The editor of the above volume, Horace Thubel, who is one of the Whitman executors, is preparing a facsimile edition of "Leaves of Grass" from Whitman's own personal copy, in which he did much of the work of revision for the issue of 1896. This particular copy was the means of Whitman's discharge from the service of the State's Interior Department. No copies of this edition will be sold to any person whatever under the fixed price of two guineas; and as it will be printed for subscribers only, it will not be sent for review. Whitman enthusiasts will need to be quick if they wish to enrol for one of 500 copies.

Of the other thirty-eight volumes in Everyman there is not much to say that cannot be gathered from a perusal at the bookshops. But they are a most interesting company, and open up in one's mind endless possibilities for extension of the series. Whereas at one time we wondered how the promoters could possibly obtain a thousand recruits for the list, we are now fearful lest the limit will be too modest for all eligible candidates. The volume of "British Ballads" and William Canton's "W. V." books, now issued together for the first time, are worthy of special mention. But the feature of the series, which may be new to some of my readers, and has been drawing a good deal of comment lately, is the new reinforced binding of the Everyman volumes introduced some months ago by Mr. Dent. This feature should be considered by all admirers of the series, for it successfully does away with every serious objection I have ever heard raised against the production of the books. By means of specially strong binding and slightly thicker boards the books in the new form open and bend with perfect freedom. They also look very much better on the bookshelves because the superfluity of gilt that mars the shilling volume is entirely dispensed with. Particularly in the great difference noticed when a work like, say, Hakluyt's Voyages in eight volumes is laid out. This new style can be had in both cloth and pigskin; and I find it is introducing Everyman to many new people.

Meredith and Humanity.

Among various items included in the library of Dr. Jessopp sold recently by Messrs. Sothby, London, were seven autograph letters from George Meredith to Dr. and Mrs. Jessopp. From one of these we glean that "Rhoda Fleming" gave him "six months' work minus a week or two." Tinsley, he writes, had offered him 400 pounds for it. "But I don't quite like to sell it for that sum," Chapman bids me wait till November.

In another letter, written probably in 1860, he complains that the English public will not let

him probe deeply into humanity. "You must not paint woman or man, a surface view of the species flat as a wafer is acceptable."

Among the most interesting observations contained in the letters is one, in a letter written on February 4, 1870, in which Meredith refers to the editor of the "Fortnightly Review," John (now Lord) Morley.

"He is one of the best fellows," he writes, "but an editor, and from an editor you must always be willing to take advice and never no."

Notes.

Mr. James Stuart's volume of "Reminiscences," recently printed for private circulation, is to be issued in an illustrated edition for a larger public by Messrs. Cassell.

Captain Granville Baker has written a new book of travel entitled "A Winter Holiday in Portugal," which Messrs. Stanley Paul & Co. announce for immediate publication.

"Widsith: A Study in Old English Heroic Legend," by R. W. Chambers, M.A., Fellow and Librarian of University College, London, is about to be published by the Cambridge University Press. The text of the poem is printed with annotations, while chapters are included on "Widsith and the German Heroic Age," and on the geography, language and metre, and legendary material of the poem.

Dr. Sanday has contributed a preface to the Rev. G. H. Box's work on "The Ezra-Apocalypse," which Sir Isaac Pitman and Sons have nearly ready. The same publishers will also issue shortly "The Life of John Pym," by C. E. Wade, M.A., who has attempted to do justice not only to the revolutionary side of his subject, but also with "Mr. Treasurer Pym," the director and organizer of an extensive Colonial enterprise.

Dr. H. Harrell Horne, Professor of the History of Philosophy and Education at New York University, has a new work coming out through Messrs. Macmillan entitled "Free Will and Human Responsibility: A Philosophical Argument." Another American book about to be issued in London by the same publishers is a study of "The New Democracy: An Essay on Certain Political and Economic Tendencies in the United States," by Dr. Walter E. Weyl.

LATE TELEGRAMS.

(From Manila Papers.)

Washington, March 19. The citizenship bill for the Philippines passed the House of Representatives by a vote of 178 to 37. The measure received the signature of the President yesterday and is now a law.

March 20. The House to-day passed the income tax bill by a vote of 250 to 40. The bill now goes to the Senate, where its advocates feel there will be but little opposition.

The report of the comptroller of the treasury for the year 1911, which has just been submitted to Congress, shows that with the exception of New York state, business conditions throughout the country are exceptionally dull. New York city and state show a decided improvement over previous years, the clearing house reports of the city being generally higher and all other business indications more favourable. No reason is assigned for the depression in other parts of the country.

Luke E. Wright, former Governor-General of the Philippines and Secretary of War during part of the time the case of Major Bosher Ray was under discussion, to-day testified before the expenditures committee which is investigating Major Ray's army career, that Major General J. Franklin Bell saved Ray from punishment on serious charges which were not made public until the present investigating committee looked over the sealed packet of papers in the Ray case which were delivered by General Bell to General Edwards, upon the former's detachment from duty as Chief of Staff of the Army.

The testimony of General Wright has created something of a sensation Army circles.

The first real evidence of the attitude of the northwest toward the active candidates for the Presidency on the Republican ticket came to-day with the returns of the state of North Dakota in the state Presidential primaries. La Follette was the favourite, receiving 6,953 votes, with Roosevelt next with 3,981 and Taft bringing up the rear with 270.

Political prognosticators here anticipated an overwhelming defeat for Taft, but considered that Roosevelt would have had a better showing in the State.

March 21. A plot has been discovered to assassinate Secretary of State Philander C. Knox upon his arrival in the Nicaraguan capital. The plotters have been arrested and will be severely dealt with by the Government.

March 22. War was resumed to-day between the President and Congress when Representative Oscar Underwood, chairman of the Ways and Means committee, and majority leader in the house, reintroduced the bill carrying the revision of the wool tariff which was voted by the President last year in spite of the adverse report of the Tariff Board.

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THE IMPASSE IN CHINA.

Stirring events at Home have distracted attention of late from China. Yet, were matters in Europe normal, it is probable that the fact that China is settling about the task of rehabilitating herself after the political delirium of the last few months with exasperating deliberation, would have occasioned comment. The situation is extraordinary; in fact unique. Yuan Shih-kai has been offered and has accepted the Presidency, provisionally it is true, but that does not affect the truth of the statement that he is, *de facto* and *de jure*, the President of the Republic of China at the present time. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, who was President for a brief period before the Throne recognised the logic of the special circumstances, is however, still apparently in the possession of independent powers. Thus we find the Canton authorities applying for instructions or advice indifferently to Yuan Shih-kai or Sun Yat-sen. There does not appear to have been any friction between the two on account of the anomalous relationship in which they stand to each other, but unless they are men high above the ordinary, the time will come when the position will be found insupportable.

In the meantime little seems to have been done or to be contemplated in the direction of getting things straightened out. The financial chaos continues and, although the Powers are willing enough to lend money to China, there is so much of the underground work that seems to be inseparably connected with China's finances going on that loan negotiations are in a state of suspended animation. In almost any country other than China the President would have long ago issued a platform of some kind, but so far Yuan Shih-kai, if he has any programme, has not presented it for criticism—or commendation. The country seems to be no nearer to a settled course of policy than it was during the turmoil, and the conclusion seems inevitable that Yuan is either unwilling or unable to do anything but allow things to drift. The work of repairing the ravages of the revolution will grow the harder the longer it is left undone, consequently it is necessary, if Yuan is to justify the belief that is felt in him in many quarters, that he should define his policy clearly and make a start upon the constructive work.

That the task is an onerous one must be admitted freely. Recent events in Canton and Swatow are a sufficient indication of the trouble that is likely to arise before the forces which were called into being during the revolution fade out of existence. After an unexpected and possibly to many an inexplicable remission of taxation, the demands necessary to keep the machinery of Government oiled are certain to be resented. But these demands will have to come, otherwise the security for any future loans will not be available. The Customs has maintained China's credit during the stress, but it cannot be expected to stand a further strain and other sources of revenue will have to be tapped. At present there are no other sources and the only suggestion in regard to taxation that Yuan has made is that the tax on paddy fields should be remitted. This is possibly a sound and reasonable proposition in itself, but more confidence would be felt in Yuan if he made some proposal having for its object a sound system of enabling the country to pay its way. This problem is the one that calls most insistently for immediate solution, and unless Yuan takes speedy action the country will sink deeper into the financial quicksands which threaten to engulf it.

DAY BY DAY.

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To-day's Paper.

An interesting article on the Revolt in Mexico appears on page 8; also details of an extraordinary espionage case. The Book World will be found on page 3.

H.M.S. Newcastle sailed yesterday for Shanghai.

H. M. SS. Alacrity and Virgo were undocked to-day and H.M.S. Minotaur will be docked on Friday.

It is announced that on March 30 and each Saturday following mails will be closed for Canton, Wuchow and Samshui at 6 p.m.

By permission of Captain Fisher the band of the a.s. Korea will play at the Belle View Hotel on Saturday, next, beginning at 9.30 p.m. sharp.

A payer is to be read on Friday night by Mr. J. G. Grant, at the Institute of Engineers and Ship-builders on "The construction and building of Lighthouses."

A junk master, who was charged at the Magistracy this morning with carrying 25 pigs on board his vessel which was only licensed to carry 15, pleaded ignorance of the regulations and was cautioned.

The Batu Caves Rubber Company pay a final dividend of 65 per cent, making 110 per cent for the year, carrying forward £789. The crop estimate for the current year is 320,000 lbs.

The Japanese naval authorities have under consideration a proposal to hold a grand naval review at Kobe in the autumn, and investigations are now being made into the question of providing suitable Imperial accommodation for the occasion.

Twelve men, charged with gambling at No. 1 Shui Cheung Lane, appeared at the Magistracy this morning. Two of the number were charged with being keepers, one being fined \$10 or two weeks' imprisonment in default, and the other \$25 or six weeks. The rest were fined \$2 each.

The Japanese battleship Kawachi, 20,800 tons, just built at Yokosuka, will enter commission from April 1. The new battleship will replace the armoured cruiser Tsubaki in the First Squadron, and will be made the flagship of Admiral Dawa, the Commander-in-Chief of the squadron which is now at Kobe.

The Pataling Rubber Estates Syndicate, Ltd., pays a final dividend of 100 per cent, making a total of 250 per cent for the year. £3,500 has been placed to reserve, and £15,000 has been carried forward. The estimate for the coming season is 390,000 lbs. of rubber at a cost of production, including all charges, of 1s. 7d. per lb.

The City Hall.

The Chinese visitors to the Museum during the week ended March 24, numbered 6,922 and the non-Chinese 255. The Chinese who visited the Library totalled 161 and the non-Chinese 447.

"The Gondoliers."

There was a large and appreciative audience present at the Theatre Royal last night to witness the fifth performance of "The Gondoliers." Without exception every character was well sustained and encores were the order of the evening. Several ladies were recipients of floral tributes and deservedly so. Special mention must be made of Miss Gordon, who, although suffering from the effects of a sprained ankle, went through her performance in a manner which was highly commendable. The last performance in Hongkong will be given to-night, and those who have not yet seen this splendid effort of local amateurs should certainly not fail to take advantage of the opportunity to-night.

In a mutual insurance club formed by some working men a Yarmouth against the loss of their pigs which they keep on allotments, no less than £1,000 worth of pigs are now insured.

Owing to the mildness of the weather, cows have been giving so much extra milk that a number of dairymen in West Taling and Hanwell have reduced their charges from 5d. to 4d. a quart.

An American aviator, accompanied by a moving picture operator, aeroplaned round the Statue of Liberty, and across New York Harbour. The operator took a series of pictures, which are said to be the first photographed from an aeroplane.

"The Romance of Lowland Scotland" will be briefly recounted to the accompaniment of numerous fine Lantern Slides (limelight) to-morrow evening at 8.30 in Union Church Hall. Admission will be free. "Tam O'Shanter" will also be read with illustrative slides and a selection of Burns's songs rendered. Ashford for children and their friends will be given at 5.30 p.m., which will also be free.

According to a telegram from Paris to the "Asahi," dated March 10, a section of the Paris garrison has revived the custom of parading the streets, and the citizens have greeted this revival with hearty approval. The troops marched along the principal streets, accompanied by bands and displaying their colours. The authorities avoided their former practice of marching the regiments along small streets, which was adopted in order not to incur the criticism of the anti-militarists.

The following is from the "Hankow Daily News" of March 20:—A passenger from the North, who arrived here yesterday, reports bad behaviour of the soldiery all along the line. At nearly every station they board passenger trains make a thorough inspection of the cars and not infrequently insult the women. The revolutionary soldiers below Kuangshui do not behave any better; and a lady in charge of a party of Manchurian women was threatened and told that the women would be killed on her arrival at Hankow. The officers seem to have no control over their men at all.

American Consular Service. Mr. Wilbur T. Gracey, who has been American Consul at Nanking for several years, is receiving congratulations from his friends upon his transfer to Progress, Mexico.

Mr. Gracey for some time past has been asking for removal to some other country than China, on account of his health, and expects to sail by the Shinyo Maru from Shanghai on the 12th of next month.

Dr. C. D. Tenney, Chinese Secretary of the American Legation at Peking, has been appointed to succeed Mr. Gracey as Consul at Nanking.

Japanese Sealers.

A Government Bill is now in the Japanese Diet relating to the relief of those sealers who have been deprived of their livelihood on account of the agreement signed between Great Britain, Japan, Russia, and America, for controlling sealing operations. The total amount of money proposed to be paid to Japanese sealers in compensation for their loss of business is ¥1,120,000. Hunters and sealers, however, are complaining that the manner of distributing this money, as proposed in the Bill, is prejudicial to them, as the owners of the sealing vessels would receive more than the men. On the 7th instant a deputation of hunters and sealers visited the Department of Agriculture and sought an explanation from the authorities as to the compensation to be paid. They asked whether the money was for the relief of sealers thrown out of employment, or was a subsidy to owners of sealing vessels to enable them to start a new business. The men contend that assuming they got ¥400 each, this sum would not be enough even to settle their debts to the owners of the sealing vessels, and they would consequently be left penniless and out of employment. "Japan Chronicle."

SANITARY BOARD.

The Pokfulam Supply.

A meeting of the Sanitary Board was held yesterday afternoon, when Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe presided. Those present included, the Hon. Mr. W. Chatham, Mr. F. B. L. Bowley, Dr. W. Clark, Col. J. Irwin, Ng Hon-tsz, Dr. Fitzwilliams, and the secretary, Mr. Bowen Rowlands.

With regard to the letter from the Government relative to the Pokfulam water supply, Mr. Bowley asked whether they were agreeable to adopting his suggestion that the Select Committee should invite the Principal Medical Officer to visit the place in question and see whether their recommendation had been carried out.

Mr. Wolfe:—You mean the Committee who made the recommendations?

Mr. Bowley:—Yes.

Mr. Wolfe:—Is the Principal Medical Officer agreeable?

Col. Irwin:—Certainly.

A proposition giving effect to the suggestion by Mr. Bowley, was seconded by Ng Hon-tsz, and carried.

The matter was then allowed to stand over until they had received the report of the Select Committee, and the Principal Medical Officer.

LOCAL SPORT.

The R. A. Sports.

The annual R. A. Sports will be held on Saturday afternoon on the ground of the United Service Recreation Club. The programme contains the following open items:—

One mile, open to native troops, South China Command.—\$12, \$8, \$4.

One mile, open to Royal Navy, European Garrison, and Police.—\$15, \$10, \$5.

Relay race, open to teams of four from any native company of the garrison.—\$20, \$12, \$8.

Officers' Race. The boatrace for the R. A. Inter-Company Cup will take place this afternoon.

Football.

Army v. Navy.

The following have been selected to play for the Navy:—

Asst. Paymr. Wary, Lieut. Whitaholi, Eng. Lieut. Crisp, Rev. Durberry, Asst. Paymr. Palford, Lieuts. Scott and Welman, Lieut. Taylor (Capt.), Lieut. Peters, Sub-Lieut. Wilson, Asst. Paymr. Drayson, Mid. Abott, Mid. Collinson, Mid. Phillips, Sub-Lieut. Osmond.

Rugby.

The following fifteen have been chosen to represent the Army against the Navy in the match to be played on Friday at 4.30 p.m.:—

Lieut. Williams A.S.O.; Lieut. Collis Browne K.O.Y.L.I.; Bagnall R.G.A.; Papis R.G.A.; and Collins R.G.A.; Lieuts. Thicknesse R.G.A. (capt.), and Wiltshire R.G.A.; Capt. Loring R.G.A. (doyen); Lieuts. Kent K.O.Y.L.I., Bradley K.O.Y.L.I., Carter K.O.Y.L.I. 1. Capt. Tyrrell, Punjab; Corp. Burgess R.G.A., Gr. Ryan R.G.A., and Corp. Scruton K.O.Y.L.I.

BILLIARDS.

Soldiers' Club Billiard Tournament.

Two more games in this tournament were decided on Tuesday evening, resulting in an increase of lead for the Hongkong Volunteers from 77 to 243 points. O. S. M. (I.G.) Gillman and Colour Sergt. Rodgers were the first pair. Rodgers took the lead from the commencement and won comfortably by 20, 16, 13, 15, and 28. Gillman making 20 and 14. The second game was between Captain Brerley, R.A., and Private Bishop, H.K. Vols. An interesting game ensued, which ended in Bishop winning by 30. His best breaks were 20, 13, 10 (twice), 15, 12, and 16. Captain Brerley compiling 15, 11, 10, 17, 24 and 12.

The scores were as follow:—

R.G.A. Staff.

O. S. M. (I.G.) Gillman, 124
Captain Brerley, 211
H.K. Volunteers.
Colour Sergt. Rodgers, 250
Private Bishop, 250

POSITION AT SWATOW.

Lim may "Resign."

A correspondent at Swatow, writing on March 20, says:—

Since writing on March 22 no action has been taken by Lim Koh-tsoh and his soldiers, and the city has been awaiting the arrival of some 1,500 to 2,000 troops from Canton. On the evening of the 24th it was reported that there were two Chinese war-ships and two transports anchored outside at the bar, and the commanders of the foreign war-ships in harbour at once agreed to go out on the destroyer Janus early the following morning to interview the officer in charge and learn his intentions, at the same time advising him that he must give foreigners time to move to places of safety before commencing any fighting. The Janus went out on the morning of the 25th, and after some four hours steaming up and down the coast without finding any signs of the reported Chinese force, returned to port.

The Commissioner of Customs at Canton has informed our local Commissioner that the expected troops have left Canton, and we to-day hear through Chinese sources that the soldiers have left Canton, but on account of the forts down-river from Whampoa being in the hands of a Waichow insurgent with a large party of soldiers, which the Republican Government in Canton have been trying to disband, the force on route to Swatow have not attempted to pass these forts and are now anchored in the vicinity of Whampoa.

Lim Koh-tsoh is a lieutenant of the Waichow insurgent just mentioned, and was sent to Swatow without the authority of the Republican Government, though we understand that they were glad to get him and his men out of the Canton district. The knowledge of a party of soldiers coming from Canton appears to be having a disquieting effect upon Lim here, and rumour has it that Lim has sent in his "resignation" to the Government at Canton; also that he will not oppose the Canton troops, and is willing to work with them or as Canton may direct. There is an easier feeling through the city to-day, and shops are commencing to open and resume business.

Chinese banks and the Bank of Taiwan will quote no exchange rates on outside ports, but the latter advises that if the city regains fully peaceful conditions they will probably be open for business in three or four days.

There have been many rumours of trouble in Chow Chow Foo, at that point while trouble had been expected and plans for defence made in anticipation, nothing of importance happened and most shops have opened and are carrying on business as usual.

SCENE ON BOARD A SHIP.

Serious Charge Against Chinese.

The case came before Mr. E. A. Irving at the Magistracy this afternoon, in which a Chinese was charged with throwing a corrosive liquid at another. It appears that when the s.s. China came into port on Jan. 14 there was a scuffle, during which one of the Chinese threw some caustic soda at a fellow-passenger, who was blinded and fell unconscious on the deck. He was immediately set on by two more men, who relieved him of \$234.

The unfortunate man was conveyed to the hospital, where he made a statement, but the three men who are alleged to have committed the deed got clear away. On February 20, however, the man who is said to have thrown the liquid returned to the Colony and was arrested by Sergt. Wills.

The case was remanded.

Mrs. Constable, of Hargenden, Hertfordshire, has attained her 102nd birthday. She retains all her faculties, lives alone, and still attends to some of her household affairs. She has lived in Hargenden all her life, and has never been more than five miles away.

NOTES AND COMMENTS.

China's Flag.

Not yet it would seem has the flag controversy been finally settled in China. It will be remembered that while the revolution was in progress a great deal of latitude was permitted in regard to the Republican emblem. Individual taste was largely allowed to determine what the design of the flag should be, and as might have been expected taste differed. The main object was to get something as much unlike the Dragon Flag as possible, and to incorporate a star representing the provinces which had revolted. When it became certain that the Republic had gained the day it was deemed desirable to select a flag representative of the whole country and the five barred flag with which we are now familiar was evolved. The bars were red, yellow, blue, white and black running in this order from top to bottom. The red represents the Chinese and the yellow the Manchus. Yuan Shih-kai is said to have issued an order that the yellow band should be on top—an expedient his enemies say, to save a little face. It is thought that it will be difficult to enforce the order.

A Week-end Boom.

The possibility of a week-end at Canton has just been brought within the reach of the people of Hongkong by the new departure of the Hongkong, Canton and Macao Steamboat Company. It has always been a source of regret to local people and to others remaining in the Colony over the week-end, that a visit to Canton by steamer could not be made on Sundays without interfering with the standing arrangements for Monday, and there are many who have not been able to see the old-world city because the time necessary for making the trip would mean taking leave from business. Now one can leave Hongkong at 10 p.m. every Saturday, spend Sunday morning in Canton and by leaving on the special steamer at 4 p.m. arrive back in Hongkong before midnight. The prohibition of a river service on Sundays by the Customs has been withdrawn and very wisely so too. Though the service is a special one there are no special charges and first class saloon fares will be as usual. The effort of the Steamboat Company should be appreciated as the facilities they have provided have heretofore been a long felt want.

Hail Avertors.

The power to produce rain from apparently rainless skies has been claimed for years, but a hail averter is something new. A distinguished French physician, the Comte de Beauchamp, discovered that hail cannot form unless there is electricity in the air. After a long series of experiments, in which he was assisted by General de Negrier, who, by the way, recently visited this Colony, he succeeded in perfecting an instrument which has the effect of draining the atmosphere of any electricity with which it is charged. For some time past the hail avertors have been working with perfect success in rural districts, which were formerly particularly subject to hailstorms. The hail was converted into rain before reaching the earth. The Paris Municipal Council has decided to install avertors on the top of the Eiffel Tower, the Sacre Coeur and the Pantheon to protect the city and the surrounding districts.

Coolies — or Donkeys?

A member of the staff tells us that a pair of donkeys driven tandem fashion in a rickshaw, round Happy Valley, on Saturday, caused quite a sensation. As the "aristocratic" looking turnout passed the Grand Stand of the football field, the spectators of the Shield Match cheered and good-humouredly "cheffed" the driver. If this occurs too often we may have the rickshaw coolies going on strike one of these days. We are told (but this may be a wicked invention) that even now they are debating the point of whether they are to be placed on the same level as common garden makers.

CANTON NEWS.

("Telegraph" Correspondent.)

Canton, March 25.

The members of the Canton Provincial Council have approved the issue of new notes to the value of \$15,000,000, and these will be ready for circulation very soon. Already new notes to the amount of \$200,000 have been placed in the hands of the finance department, but until the department has sufficient of the new notes in hand to justify the recalling of the old issue the latter will continue its circulation. At the same time all the old notes that are paid into the Government exchequer in payment of taxes will be cancelled.

Commander Ngai Pong-ping, who was in charge of the expedition against Wong Wo-shun at Hsueh Tsi, reports that the latter's right hand man, Luk Mui, has escaped and that all Wong's men have dispersed. According to the report all the forts from Choungchow to beyond Shaukwah have been recaptured.

President Yuan Shih-kai has telegraphed to the Governor-General that, as it is at present difficult to formulate a new code of legal procedure, he is for the present to retain the old forms of procedure in as far as they do not conflict with the principles of the Republic. A proclamation to that effect is to be published.

Canton, March 26.

Some days ago the villagers of Shansui were surprised by a visit from some hundreds of the defeated troops of Wong Wo-shun, and being greatly frightened were about to make off when the officers in charge reassured them that their intentions were quite pacific. The troops stayed there a few days, and having no money to return to their homes were forced to sell their rifles, which were eagerly snapped up by the villagers.

Yesterday a meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held in connection with the strike of butchers' guild, while at the same time the difficulty of cashing the present notes of issue was also discussed. The strike appears to have originated over the refusal of the butchers to accept payment for their goods in notes, and it was agreed that payment for meat should be made half in notes and the remainder in cash. Regarding the redemption of the notes of issue the Commissioner for the Interior promised to make arrangements whereby the finance department should hand to the Guilds \$35,000 daily to exchange for notes.

On Saturday last the members of the "Cantonese Citizen Solidarity" held a reception at the hall of the r corps in honour of Lo Suk-ye, a representative of a similar organization from Shanghai. An inspection of the local corps was held, after which the guest of the afternoon addressed those present on the improvement that had been made by the citizen soldiers and urged them to secure a rifle range at the earliest possible moment.

TROUBLE ON A STEAMER.

Captain Threatened by Chinese Crew.

On the arrival of the steamer Solstad at Bangkok on March 12 two Chinese named Ko Ngoo Tong and Chua Hook Ree were arrested and handed over to the port authorities for being concerned in a rising against Captain Melsen during the voyage up from Singapore. It appears that the comprador's men and some of the deck passengers who were cooking on deck were ordered to cease doing so, as a fire might take place or the deck be burnt. These instructions were ignored and the captain walking over to the spot caused the fire to be thrown into the sea. Immediately about twenty of the gang armed with knives rushed on the captain. Help was immediately forthcoming from the other officers who, armed with revolvers, came to the captain's assistance. They covered the dangerous gang and secured order in a few moments. An armed watch was placed over these men and the voyage was concluded without further outbreak. The two men arrested are said to be the ringleaders.

LOOTING AT PAOTINGFU.

Exciting Scenes.

The following is an extract of a letter received from Paotingfu dated March 6:—

"About 3 o'clock p.m. Friday, March 1, a quoness law student was passing along the street near the Catholic Mission, when his way was blocked by some Whai Chun soldiers (Old Style) who were watering their horses. The quoness man attempted to remove the animals, but met with resistance from the soldiers. He then drew a revolver and shot one of the soldiers, whereupon the other soldiers shot him and proceeded to hunt and shoot quoness men, killing about 30 in all. The city authorities called upon the modern soldiers—Lu Chun—to be placed in charge of the city. They were placed all over the city with fixed bayonets and kept the city in order until about 6 o'clock in the evening, when as if by one order firing began in all parts of the city and suburbs. The shooting was mostly into the air, although some persons were shot at that time and a number of the bullets fell in our compound here. This thoroughly terrified the people and then the soldiers began a systematic looting of the city, which lasted all night Friday, all day and all night Saturday. Fires were started in many parts of the city on Friday night and continued until Saturday morning, burning fully seven-eighths of the business part of the city and about one-tenth of the residential part. Almost every house in the city was looted. I found one place where the family collars were opened to find valuables. This looting and burning kept up to its highest pitch all day and Saturday night. Trains were run south from here to carry away the booty and soldiers. The city gates were left open all night and the poor of the villages were urged to loot what the soldiers did not care for.

The gates were all guarded by soldiers in day time and no one but soldiers was allowed to carry loads out of the city except those impressed into service by the soldiers who had much more loot than they themselves could carry. The looting of the Standard Oil office was a sight one can never forget. Thousands of people were busy carrying away the cans of oil.

The soldiers held their guns to the heads of engineers, compelling them to run the trains just where they wanted their loot taken. The soldiers had complete control of everything in sight. The greater part of the Second Division which were here, about 2,500 of them, were the looters. Many of the Whai Chun joined them. Most of these have left the city and are scattered in bands all over the country in groups of 10 or 20 each. They are robbing wherever they find anything to rob.

The police behaved very well, and thirty of these made their way into the American Board Mission compound and helped very well in protecting that place as did the police at the red-cross places in the city. One of these asylums in the city has over 500 inmates, and is doing splendidly.

The body of James Boyd, who claimed to have been at one time a millionaire tea merchant of Glasgow, Scotland, and a business partner of Sir Thomas Lipton, world renowned yacht racer, was recently buried at Trinidad, Colorado, by a charitable association. Boyd told a tragic story on his deathbed, attributing his failure in life to the actions of his wife, who, he said, began a dissolute life soon after their marriage.

To forget his troubles he first went to Africa, where he became still richer. He returned to England, and, failing to become reconciled with his wife, he said, gave her his fortune. He then went to and Colorado worked for years in the coal mines. He had been in destitute circumstances for some time. He died in the pauper ward of a hospital.

NIGERIA.

Sir E. Lugard's Charge.

Probably the average newspaper reader will feel but a momentary interest, if he feels that, in the announcement that Sir Frederick Lugard has been appointed Governor of both Southern and Northern Nigeria, and that it is intended to unite both provinces in one. Yet the size and resources of Nigeria make it worthy of more attention. It is a big piece of territory, for one thing. Its northern frontier, which was fixed by the treaty with France in 1898, is no less than 1,875 miles in length—that is to say, about as far as from Paris to Moscow. In size, population, and importance there is no native State in the British Empire to compare with it, except India and Burma. The Hausas, who make up a large proportion of the inhabitants, are not raw savages, but have attained a certain measure of culture and civilization. Without foreign assistance they have developed trade and manufactures, reduced their language to writing, and established schools.

Probably by this time all the natives of Nigeria know that they are living under the British flag, but Canon Robinson, writing two years after the establishment of the Protectorate, declared that a large proportion of them were ignorant of the fact, and told a story of a schoolboy who was set to write an essay on a British colony, and wrote—"Africa is a British colony. I will tell you how England makes her colonies. First she gets a missionary; when the missionary has found a specially beautiful and fertile tract of country, he gets all his people round him and says, 'Let us pray,' and when all the eyes are shut, he goes the British flag." As the Canon added, though the great mass of the people of Nigeria have come under the protection of the British flag with their eyes shut, it is for us to see that when their eyes are opened they may have no reason to regret it.—"Manchester Guardian."

AMERICAN TOBACCO Co.

James B. Duke Resigns.

James B. Duke has announced his intention of resigning the presidency of the American Tobacco Co., to become the chairman of the British American Tobacco Co., with main offices in London.

He will be succeeded as president of the American Tobacco Co., by Percival S. Hill.

Mr. Duke gives as the reason for the change the belief that a larger field of usefulness awaits him with the British American Tobacco Co. The companies formed from the old American Tobacco Co., are well equipped with competent officers and have fully embarked on their separate careers. Mr. Duke declared that the reason for the American Tobacco Co. not declaring a dividend on the common stock is that it has recently been compelled to make large cash disbursements in the retirement of the bonds.

DON'T FORGET.

Wednesday, March 27.
The Gondoliers, Theatre Royal 9.15 p.m.
Bijou Theatre, 9.15.

Thursday, Mar. 28.
Annual General Meeting, Royal Hongkong Golf Club, 5.30 p.m.
Fifth Ordinary General Meeting Phoenix Club.
Presentation of Prizes S.C. Rifle Assoc.

Friday, March 29.
"The Mousme, Bandmann Opera Co. Theatre Royal 9.15.

Saturday, March 30.
Twenty-third Annual General Meeting of the Green Island Cement Co., 11.30 a.m.

Tuesday, April 2.
Gigan Recital, 5.30.
Inspection, Volunteer Res., 5.45.

Friday, April 5.
Volunteer Res., Rifle Meeting, Kings Park, 10.30.

Saturday April 6.
K.O.Y.L.L. Race Meeting at Happy Valley, 2.30 p.m.
V.R.O. Boxing Tournament.

THE CHINA SQUADRON.

Commenting upon the official announcement that when the

Lion is ready for commission she will become flagship of the First Cruiser Squadron in place of the Inflexible, the "Army and Navy Gazette" points out that it will be possible for the authorities, if they so wish to withdraw the Defence from this squadron, which would then be composed entirely of vessels of the Dreadnought era. There is at present no confirmation of the report published some weeks back that the Indomitable had been selected to relieve the Minotaur in China, and it seems more likely that if any ships are to be added to the squadron in these waters it will be the Defence. The last named could be easily spared from the First Cruiser Squadron after the Lion had been added, for the difference between the two ships in fighting power is little short of marvellous. In place of a vessel of 14,000 tons, with a speed of 23 knots, and a weight of broadside fire 2,520 lb., the squadron would gain a ship of 20,000 tons, able to steam nearly 30 knots, and firing a broadside of 10,000 lbs. Yet only five years elapsed between the laying down of the two ships, and only three years between the dates of their entry into service. If the Defence is not sent to China, it is suggested that she may be added to the Fifth Cruiser Squadron in place of the Argyl, which is the only cruiser of the Devonshire class now in full commission in home waters. Other changes in the fleets are now being carried out. The Drake has arrived at Colombo to take over the duties of flagship in Australia in place of the Powerful, and the Sirius is to be commissioned on February 1 to take the place of the Brilliant in the Fourth Cruiser Squadron and for the Newfoundland fisheries. In home waters, the new cruiser Active has been commissioned to relieve the scout Adventure in the Second Destroyer Flotilla. Nothing has yet been announced officially concerning the cruiser Yarmouth, which will be commissioned very shortly, but as the six cruisers attached to the Home and Atlantic Fleets are now of all the City class, it seems probable that the Yarmouth will be sent on foreign service.

Since this was published it has been definitely announced that the Defence was to join the local squadron.

ANGLO-JAPANESE ALLIANCE.

"Dignity and Credit" Shaken.

The "Hochi Shimbun," an important Tokyo newspaper, declares that the "dignity and credit" of the Anglo-Japanese Alliance have been badly shaken. The London "Times," in a recent issue, published an article eulogizing Japan for her faithfulness to the provisions and principles of the Alliance. The "Hochi" says it is unknown for what purpose the "Times" made such a statement, but the Japanese in general will not feel any satisfaction at the view expressed by the London journal. Perhaps the recent leading articles published by the "Osaka Mainichi" declaring that the Alliance was practically dead led the London "Times" to publish a counterblast appreciating Japan for her loyalty to the Agreement. The "Hochi," while expressing the hope that the Government of Great Britain and Japan will do their best to maintain and promote the Alliance, notes with regret two reasons that the "dignity and credit" of the Alliance has been badly shaken. One of these alleged causes is that the Alliance Treaty as renewed in July last excluded England from her obligations in case of war between Japan and a third country; while the other is that no unity has been established between Great Britain and Japan regarding China. The latter cause has greatly dis-

pointed the majority of the Japanese, who now think that the Anglo-Japanese Alliance can no longer be looked upon as the sole factor for the maintenance of peace in the Far East.

The dangerous task of exploring the San Blas coast of the Isthmus of Panama—a region hitherto inaccessible to white men on account of the hostility of the San Blas Indians—has been undertaken by Dr. H. Pittier, who has recently been making a thorough biological survey of the better known parts of the Isthmus for the Smithsonian Institution. The explorer is reported to have already won the chief of the village of Nargara who has permitted him to visit that place.

To-day's Advertisements

INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERS AND SHIPBUILDERS.

King's Buildings.

A paper on THE CONSTRUCTION AND BUILDING OF LIGHTHOUSES will be read by Mr. J. G. GRANT in the reading room of the above Institute, on FRIDAY EVENING at 8 p.m.

All interested are cordially invited.
W. T. TROAKES, Secretary.
Hongkong, 27th March, 1912. [264]

IN THE MATTER OF THE COMPANIES ORDINANCE, 1911 and
IN THE MATTER OF THE PARIS TOILET CO., LD.
(In Liquidation.)

NOTICE is hereby given that the first meeting of Creditors of the said Company will be held at the offices of Messrs. Perry Smith, Seth and Fleming, No. 5, Queen's Road Central, first floor, on THURSDAY, the 4th day of May, 1912, at 12 o'clock, noon.
Dated this 26th day of March, 1912.
J. HENNESSEY BETH, Liquidator

Hongkong, 27th March, 1912. [265]
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This Whisky is the very oldest and finest made in Scotland. Its roundness, delicate bouquet, full body and delicious after-taste, all proclaim it "THE WHISKY par excellence."

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HONGKONG.

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Shipping

CANADIAN PACIFIC RAILWAY COMPANY'S.

ROYAL MAIL STEAMSHIP LINE.

"EMPEROR LINE."

Sailings from Hongkong and from St. John, N.B. and Quebec.

"E. of India"	April, 30	"E. of Ireland"	Fri., April, 19.
"E. of Japan"	May, 11	"E. of Ireland"	May, 17.
"Allan Line"	June, 7.		

To Vancouver, B.C., calling at Shanghai, Nagasaki (through the Inland Sea of Japan), Kobe, Yokohama and Victoria, B.C.
 Passengers booked to all the principal points in Canada, the United States and Europe, also around the World.

For further information, Maps, Guide Books, Rates of Passage and Freight, apply to—
 D. W. Craddock, General Traffic Agent,
 Corner Fother Street and Praya (Opposite Blake Pier.)

INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

(PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamship	On
SINGAPORE,	CHUNSAUNG	Wed., 27th Mar., Noon.
SHANGHAI, KOBE & MOI	NAMSANGI	Saturday, 30th Mar., Noon.
MANILA,	LOONGSANG	Saturday, 30th Mar., 2 p.m.
TIENSIN,	CHEONGSANG	Saturday, 30th Mar., 2 p.m.
SHANGHAI,	HANGSANG	Sunday, 1st Apr., 11 a.m.
SINGAPORE, PENANG & CALCUTTA	FOKSANG	Monday, 1st Apr., Noon.
MANILA,	YUENSANG	Saturday, 6th Apr., 2 p.m.

RETURN TOURS TO JAPAN (Occupying 24 days).
 The steamers "Kutang," "Namsang" and "Fooksang" leave about every 8 weeks for Shanghai and returning via Kobe (Inland Sea) and Moji to Hongkong. These vessels have all modern improvements and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

A fully qualified surgeon is also carried.
 Steamers have superior accommodation for First-class Passengers, and are fitted throughout with Electric Light.

† Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Yangtze Ports, Cheloo, Tientsin, via Chingwangtao.

§ Taking Cargo on Through Bills of Lading to Kaiti, Lahad Datu, Simpang, Tawau, Usukan, Jesselton and Labuan.

For Freight or Passage, apply to **JARDINE MATHESON & CO., LD.**
 Telephone No. 215.
 Hongkong, 26th March, 1912.

"SHIRE" LINE OF STEAMERS LD.

PROJECTED HOMEWARD SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG. (SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.)

For	Steamers	Date of Departure
LONDON & ANTWERP	EDEN OF GLAMIS	2nd April.
LONDON ROTTERDAM & ANTWERP	FLINTSHIRE	10th May.

Most steamers have excellent accommodation for a limited number of First Class Passengers. Cabins are situated amidships, and are fitted with electric light and fans. Attention is directed to the moderate fares charged.

* Does not carry Passengers.

For Freight or Passage, apply to

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LD.,
 AGENTS.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1912.

HONGKONG, CANTON, MACAO, AND WEST RIVER STEAMERS.

JOINT SERVICE OF
 THE HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD.,
 AND THE CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.,
 HONGKONG-CANTON LINE.
 WEEK-END SERVICE.

Commencing on the 30th instant and until further notice a Week-End Service will be arranged. The s.s. "HEUNGELAN" will leave Hongkong at 10 p.m., on SATURDAY, 30th instant, for Canton and the s.s. "HONAM" will depart from Canton at 4 p.m., on SUNDAY, 1st inst.

HONGKONG-MACAO LINE.

S.S. "SUI TAI" Tons 1651 S.S. "SUI AN" Tons 1651

HONGKONG TO MACAO.

Week days at 8 a.m. & 2 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf. Sunday at 9 a.m. & 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

MACAO TO HONGKONG.

Week days at 7.30 a.m. and 2 p.m. Sundays, at 7.30 a.m. and 5 p.m.

EXCURSION TO MACAO.

SUNDAY, 31st MARCH.

The Company's Steamship.

"SUI AN"

will depart from the Company's WING LOK WHARF at 9 a.m. Departure from Macao at 5 p.m.

N.B.—The Company will also run a steamer from Macao on Sunday morning at 7.30 a.m. and from Hongkong at 12.30 p.m. from the Company's Wing Lok Street Wharf.

This Steamer connects with the excursion steamer returning from Macao at 5 p.m.

FARES AS USUAL.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the Company.

CANTON-MACAO LINE.

S.S. HOI-SANG, 467 Tons.

Departures from Macao to Canton on Mon., Wednes., & Fri., at 9 p.m.

Departures from Canton to Macao on Tues., Thurs., & Satur., at 4.30 p.m.

JOINT SERVICE OF

HONGKONG, CANTON AND MACAO STEAMBOAT CO., LTD., THE CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD., AND THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LTD.

CANTON-WUCHOW LINE.

S.S. "SAINAM," 583 Tons, and "NANNING," 583 Tons.

One of the above steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about 5 days.

Passengers can return to Hongkong or vice versa by the Company's direct steamers "LINTAN" and "SANUI." These vessels have superior Cabin accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity. Electric Fan in each Cabin.

Booking Office open daily (Sunday excepted) 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Further particulars may be obtained at the Office of the

HONGKONG, CANTON & MACAO STEAMBOAT COMPANY, LIMITED

100, QUEEN STREET, HONGKONG.

Shipping

NIPPON YUSEN KAISHA

(THE JAPAN MAIL STEAMSHIP CO.)



PROJECTED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.—SUBJECT TO ALTERATION

Destinations	Steamers	Sailing Dates
MARSEILLES, LONDON & ANTWERP via SINGAPORE, PENANG, COLOMBO, SUEZ & PORT SAID	KAGA MARU, Capt. M. Hagino, T. 7,000 ATSUTA MARU, Capt. W. Thompson, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Daylight WEDNESDAY, 21st April, Daylight
VICTORIA, B.C. & SEATTLE via SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA, ONI, & YOKOHAMA	SANUKI MARU, Capt. S. Ishikawa, T. 7,000 SABA MARU, Capt. Iizawa, T. 7,000	TUESDAY, 6th April, at Noon TUESDAY, 23rd April, at Noon
BOMBAY via SINGAPORE AND COLOMBO	COLOMBO MARU, T. 5,000 Capt. J. Tomooka	WEDNESDAY, 3rd April
SYDNEY & MELBOURNE via MANILA, THURSDAY ISLAND, TOWNSVILLE and BRISBANE	KUMANO MARU, Capt. M. Winchester, T. 6,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 5,000	FRIDAY, 12th April, at Noon WEDNESDAY, 10th April, Noon
KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HITACHI MARU, Capt. T. Yamawaki, T. 7,000 YAWATA MARU, Capt. T. Sekino, T. 5,000 JINSEN MARU, Capt. M. Ishida, T. 4,000	THURSDAY, 28th March, at 11 a.m. WEDNESDAY, 10th April, at Noon MONDAY, 26th March
SHANGHAI, MOI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA	HAKATA MARU, Capt. Y. Nomura, T. 6,000	WEDNESDAY, 10th April

† Cargo only.

§ Fitted with new system of wireless telegraphy.

NEW LINE OF STEAMERS BETWEEN KOBE and CALCUTTA.

Regular fortnightly service from Kobe to Calcutta calling at Hongkong, Singapore, Penang and Rangoon.

The next steamer to sail from Hongkong:

KIRIN MARU ...Tons 4,000...Capt. Deguchi...March 28th.

1912 PASSENGER SEASON 1912

FOR EUROPE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
KAGA MARU	7,000	M. Tabusa	April 10th.
ATSUTA MARU	6,000	Wm. Thompson	April 24th.
HITACHI MARU	7,000	T. Yamawaki	May 8th.
YAWATA MARU	6,000	T. Murai	May 22nd.
KITANO MARU	9,000	F. E. Cope	June 5th.

FOR SEATTLE.

Steamer	Tons	Captain	From Hongkong
SANUKI MARU	7,000	Ishikawa	April 9th.
AWA MARU	7,000	T. Iizawa	April 23rd.
SADO MARU	7,000	K. Asatan	May 7th.
YOKOHAMA MARU	7,000		May 21st.

From Hongkong direct to Nagasaki 4 days, to Kobe 5 days and to Yokohama 6 days.

For further information as to Freight, Passage, Sailings, &c., apply at the Company's Local Branch Office in Prince's Buildings, First Floor, Chester Road.

T. KUSUMOTO,
 Manager.

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CHINA NAVIGATION CO., LTD.

SAILINGS SUBJECT TO ALTERATION.

For	Steamers	To Sail
SHANGHAI	"CHINHUA"	28th Mar., 4 p.m.
AMOI & SHANGHAI	"LUCHOW"	28th Mar., 4 p.m.
TSINGTAO, CHEFOO & NEWCHOW	"KUKIANG"	29th Mar., 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"ANHUI"	30th Mar., M'night.
WEIHAWEI, CHEFOO & TIENSIN	"HUICHOW"	1st April, 4 p.m.
MANILA, CEBU & ILOILO	"KAIFONG"	2nd April, 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	4th April, 4 p.m.
SHANGHAI	"LINAN"	6th April, M'night.

DIRECT SAILING TO WEST RIVER, Twice Weekly.

S.S. "LINTAN" and S.S. "SANUI."

AUSTRALIAN STEAMERS have superior accommodation with Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in Staterooms. A fully qualified Doctor is carried. REDUCED FARES. Cargo booked through for all Australian New Zealand and Tasmanian Ports.

MANILA LINE.—Two "Great Steamers" "Tera" and "Taming," saloon accommodation amidships; electric fans fitted; extra state-rooms on deck, aft. Saloon accommodation of s.s. "Kallong" is situated on deck, aft.

SHANGHAI LINE.—FAST SCHEDULE.—TWIN-SCREW STEAMERS (Asahi, Ohsawa, Lian, Chikawa)—with excellent passenger accommodation. Electric Light throughout and Electric Fans in the Staterooms and Dining Saloon, leave Hongkong for Shanghai direct every Thursday and Sunday, taking cargo on through Bills of Lading to all Yangtze and Northern China Ports.

N.B.—Passengers must embark before midnight on Saturday for the Sunday morning sailings. A Company's launch leaves Murray Pier at 10 o'clock every Saturday night.

These steamers land passengers in Shanghai, avoiding the inconvenience of transhipment at Woosung.

Reduced Fares:—Single \$45. Return \$75.

For Freight or Passage apply to

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Taking Cargo at Through rates to all European North Continental and British Ports, also, Tientsin, Lubeck, Oporto, Genoa, and other Mediterranean, Black Baltic Sea and Persian, and all North and South American Ports.

Next Sailings from Hongkong:

OUTWARD.	HOMEWARD.
For Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama:	For Havre & Hamburg:
S.S. C. F. LAEISZ, 6th April	S.S. BELGRAVIA, 11th April
"SITHONIA" 20th April	S.S. SACHSEN, 29th April
"SLAVONIA" 30th April	S.S. O. J. D. AHLERS, 5th May
"BAYERN" 5th May	S.S. C. F. LAEISZ, 10th May
	S.S. ARCADIA, 31st May

For Further Particulars, apply to—

Hamburg-Amerika Linie,
 Hongkong Office.

Hongkong, 26th March, 1912.

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HONGKONG—PHILIPPINES STEAMSHIP CO

Steamship	Tons	Captain	For	Sailing Date
ZAFIRO	4000	M. C. Smith	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	MONDAY, 1st April, 4 p.m.
RUBI	4000	S. Crosby	Manila, Mangarin, Iloilo and Cebu.	WEDNESDAY, 10th April, 4 p.m.

For Freight or Passage apply to

SHEWAN TOMES & CO.,
 GENERAL MANAGERS

Hongkong 21st March, 1912.

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JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN.

Regular Fortnightly Service between

JAVA, CHINA and JAPAN.

Steamer	From	Expected on or about	For	Will leave on or about
Tiliwong	JAVA	—	JAPAN	2nd half Mar.
Tilpanas	AMOI	2nd half Mar.	JAVA	2nd half Mar.
Tiljatap	JAVA	2nd half Mar.	SHANGHAI	1st half Apr.
Tilmanock	JAVA	1st half Apr.	JAPAN	1st half Apr.
Tilbodas	SHANGHAI	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tilbaroen	JAPAN	1st half Apr.	JAVA	1st half Apr.
Tilimahi	JAVA	2nd half Apr.	JAVA	2nd half Apr.

The steamers are all fitted throughout with Electric Light, and have accommodation for a limited number of saloon passengers, and will take cargo to all Ports in Netherlands-India on through B/L.

For particulars of Freight and Passage, apply to the

JAVA-CHINA-JAPAN LIJN,
 York Building.

Telephone No. 375

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TOYO KISEN KAISHA

Imperial Japanese Trans-Pacific Mail Line.

SAN FRANCISCO LINE.

Connecting with the Western Pacific Railway at San Francisco to all points in the United States and Canada and with Trans-Atlantic Lines to Europe. PROPOSED SAILING FROM HONGKONG. (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Captain	Date of sailing
S.S. "Shinyo Maru"	21,000	H. S. Smith	Apr. 9th, Noon.
S.S. "Chiyo Maru"	21,000	W. W. Green	May 7th, Noon.
S.S. "Nippon Maru"	11,000	A. G. Stevens	May 28th, Noon.
S.S. "Tanyo Maru"	21,000	E. Bent	June 4th, Noon.

† These steamers are equipped with Turbine Engines and Triple Screw.

All steamers carry Japanese Government wireless telegraph and post office.

The triple screw steamer "Shinyo Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via SHANGHAI, NAGASAKI, KOBE, YOKOHAMA and HONOLULU on TUESDAY, the 9th April, at Noon.

INTERMEDIATE SERVICE.

The steamer "Nippon Maru" will be despatched for San Francisco via Shanghai, Nagasaki, Kobe, Yokohama and Honolulu on Tuesday, 28th May, at Noon.

SOUTH AMERICAN LINE.

(In connection with the National Railway of Mexico at Manzanillo and the Tehuantepec National Railway at Salina Cruz.)

Only Regular Direct Service to Mexico, Chilean and Peruvian Ports.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG (Subject to alteration.)

Steamer	Tons	Date of Sailing
Bayo Maru	10,500	Tuesday, April 9, Noon.
Hongkong Maru	11,000	Friday, June 7, Noon.
Kiyo Maru	17,500	Saturday, Aug. 3, Noon.

For Further Particulars as to Passengers and Freight, apply to

MATSUDA, Agent.
 (KING'S BUILDING Opposite Blake Pier)

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SHANGHAI: 2-3, Poochow Road. YOKOHAMA: 23, Water Street.

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LOG BOOK.

New Philippines Steamship Co.

A correspondent writing to the

"Cable News—American" from

Baguio on March 28, says:—

Articles of incorporation were

granted to-day by the executive

secretary to the South Philippines

Steamship Company, a newly

organized passenger and freight

transportation concern launched

in Zamboanga, Mindanao, to

engage in the coast-wise trade.

Several of the prominent capi-

talists of the Moro provinces

capital are interested in the new

shipping company, which has a

capitalization of P500,000, of

which P152,000 has been sub-

COMMERCIAL.

Home Stock Exchange.

Messrs. Zorn and Leigh-Hunt's weekly Stock Exchange Report dated February 17 contains the following:

Without a doubt, the event of the week has been the rise of nearly a point in Consols. The buying which led to this was started by the Continent, and a string of brokers followed each other into Capel Court to buy Consols in five, ten, and twenty thousand pounds stock at a time. The high honour of the K.G. bestowed upon Sir Edward Grey was seized upon as significant in view of last week's visit by Lord Haldane to Berlin. The Stock Exchange immediately began cabinet making, and named various likely and unlikely candidates for different offices; but a more conclusive reason for the rise was furnished by the Prime Minister himself in his opening speech on Wednesday night, when, after referring to the visit of his colleague to Germany and cautiously expressing opinions relative to a better understanding between this country and Germany, he went on to say:—

"I earnestly hope, however, and I may go farther and say that I continually believe that the conversations may have more than merely negative results."

The Consol market held this hope as an indication that there may be some reduction of expenditure upon armaments. It removed—or rather it caused to retreat to the farther background—the fears about a Naval Loan which had been oppressing the market for so long a time. It expended upon the Navy is to be curbed, there is certainly more chance for the price of Consols to improve. At the same time, though, much reliance must not be placed upon the expectations of a substantial advance, for competition in the Consol market is as keen as it is in the industrial world, and there are too many people waiting for an opportunity of getting out of their Consols on a rise to make the stock a desirable purchase, except for the purpose of profit-snatching.

The Stock Exchange, of course, was not going to miss its little joke out of the very welcome incident, and a rumour was quickly started to the effect that the rise owed its inception to the fact that all the doctors were selling their practices in consequence of the speech at the London Opera House by Mr. Lloyd George, and re-investing the proceeds in Consols; while another, based upon the Berlin buying, gravely asserted that the Germans were endeavouring to get control of Consols!

All round the House the brighter international outlook brought peace and rising hopes. The foreign market in particular strengthened considerably, and in the improvement Chinese Bonds shared to a marked extent. As we were saying last week, Chinese Government issues made good 5 per cent. investments at their then prices, and the rises which have occurred during the last few days add point to the

Public Companies

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the Company will be held in the Office of the General Managers, St. George's Buildings, Victoria, Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, at 11.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the General Managers for the year ending 31st December, 1911, declaring a Dividend and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from THURSDAY, the 21st day of March, 1912, until SATURDAY, the 30th day of March, 1912, both days inclusive. SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 13th March, 1912. [248]

THE ROYAL HONGKONG GOLF CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of MEMBERS will be held in the Club House, Happy Valley, on THURSDAY, the 28th March, 1912, at 5.30 p.m. By Order, (Sgd.) E. R. HALLIFAX, Hon. Secretary. Hongkong, 21st March, 1912. [250]

Notice

G. R. SANITARY BOARD OFFICE, HONGKONG. To The OWNERS OF DOMESTIC BUILDINGS.

TAKE NOTICE that under No. 5 of the DOMESTIC CLEANLINESS AND VENTILATION BY-LAWS (as amended), every Domestic Building or part of such Building within the WESTERN Division of the City of Victoria, occupied by Members of more than one family except those within the European Reservation or those parts of a Domestic Building used as a Shop, Office or Godown, must be CLEANSED and LIMEWASHED THROUGHOUT by the owners during the months of February and March.

N.B.—The word "Throughout" used in this notice means that the houses should be limewashed in respect of all the Walls of each Room, all Outside Partitions, Stair Casings and Stair Linings, all Ceilings and the Undersides of Roofs in Main Buildings, Offices and Servants' Quarters and inclusive of Verandahs. The Backyard must have its containing Walls limewashed up to the level of the First Floor. Carrel, Painted or Polished Woodwork in good condition, however, need not be limewashed but must be Cleaned.

The Western Division of the City is that to the West of Tank Lane and Clarendon Street.

W. BOWEN ROWLANDS, Secretary. Dated this 25th day of March, 1912. [250]

HONGKONG CLUB.

NOTICE.

DURING the absence on leave of Mr. JAMES CHAIK, Mr. J. A. DOBIE has been appointed Acting Secretary. O. MONTAGUE EDE, Chairman. Hongkong, 25th March, 1912. [261]

THE FAMINE IN CHINA.

NIGHT Famine Districts with an area of 80,000 square miles. Two and a half million people facing starvation.

PLEASE SEND YOUR CONTRIBUTION TO-DAY. IT WILL HELP TO SAVE LIFE. Treasurer, H. GULLAND, Esq., Manager, International Banking Corporation, Shanghai. Hongkong, 24th Jan 1912. [111]

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED.

PORTLAND CEMENT.

In Casks of 875 lbs. net. In Bags of 250 lbs. net. SHEWAN TOMES & CO., General Managers. Hongkong, 16th Aug. 1910. [148]

To Sail

"INDRA" LINE, LIMITED.

FOR NEW YORK (with liberty to proceed via The Cape of Good Hope)

THE Steamship "INDRASAMHA," Captain N. P. Pichler, will be despatched as above on or about 2nd April. For Freight or Passage apply to JARDINE, MATHESON & CO. LTD., Agents. Hongkong, 4th March, 1912. [121]

Consignees

AMERICAN AND MANOHURIAN LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. FROM NEW YORK.

THE Steamship "MATOPPO," Capt. W. H. Dorman, having arrived from the above port, Consignees of Cargo are hereby informed that their goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited, Kowloon, and stored at Consignees' risk and expense.

All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on SATURDAY, 30th inst., at 10 a.m. All claims must be presented within fifteen days of the steamer's arrival here, after which date they cannot be recognised.

No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, will be subject to rent. No Fire Insurance has been effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Agents. Hongkong, 25th March, 1912. [260]

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN. IMPERIAL GERMAN MAIL LINE.

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

THE Steamship "LUTZOW," having arrived, Consignees of cargo are hereby informed that their Goods, with the exception of Opium, Treasure and Valuables, are being landed and stored at their risk into the hazardous and/or extra hazardous Godowns of the Hongkong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Company, Limited; Kowloon, and West Point Godowns, whence delivery may be obtained.

Optional Cargo will be forwarded on unless intimation is received from the Consignees before noon to-day requesting it to be landed here. No claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns, and all goods remaining undelivered after the 1st April, will be subject to rent. All broken, chafed, and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 29th of March, at 9.30 a.m.

All claims must reach us before the 31st of April, 1912, or they will not be recognised. No Fire Insurance will be effected. Bills of Lading will be countersigned by the undersigned. NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, MELOERS & CO., General Agents. Hongkong, 22nd March, 1912. [7]

TOYO KISEN KAISHA. NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES. S.S. "BUYO MARU." FROM SOUTH AMERICAN PORTS—via HONOLULU & JAPAN PORTS.

The above-named Steamer having arrived, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified to send in their Bills of Lading for countersignature, and to take immediate delivery of cargo from alongside. Cargo remaining undelivered on FRIDAY, the 29th March, at 5 p.m., will be landed at Consignees' risk and expense and delivery must then be taken from Company's Godown. No Fire Insurance whatever will be effected. No claims will be recognised after the Goods have left the Steamer or Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered on TUESDAY, the 2nd April, afternoon, will be subject to rent and landing charges. All chafed and otherwise damaged Cargo to be left on board or Godown and examination of same to be arranged. All claims must be filed on or before 9th April, otherwise they will not be recognised. K. MATSUDA, Agent. Hongkong, 24th March, 1912. [148]

THE CHINA PROVIDENT LOAN AND MORTGAGE CO., LD. (CAPITAL PAID UP...£1,250,000.) Loans on Mortgage of Home Property &c. Goods received on Storage. Advances made on Merchandise. Loans made on the Provident System. (Rates and Particulars on application.) TRUSTEE, EXECUTOR OF WILLS, ATTORNEY, &c. Undertaken and Executed. SHEWAN TOMES & CO. General Managers. Hongkong, 19th March, 1908. [22]

E. C. WILKS, M.A., F.R.S., F.R.A.S., Consulting Engineer and Surveyor for construction, Valuation and Assessment for the purchase or sale of Steamships or Launches. Alexandra Buildings and Victoria Buildings, 14 May, 1911. [121]

Banks

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HEAD OFFICE:—60 Wall Street, New York LONDON OFFICE:—85, Bishopsgate. LONDON BANKERS. BANK OF ENGLAND. NATIONAL PROVINCIAL BANK OF ENGLAND, LD. THE CAPITAL & COUNTING BANK, LIMITED.

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60 d/s 1/11 1/16	80 d/s. Sydney & Melbourne 1/11 18/16
4 m/s. 1/11 5/16	80 d/s. San Foo & New York 4/7
T/T. Shanghai 82 1/2	4 m/s. Marks 2 1/2
T/T. Singapore 82 1/2	6 m/s. do 2 1/2
T/T. Japan 148 1/2	Bar Silver, ready 26 13/16
T/T. India 148 1/2	forward 26 1/2
Demand India 148 1/2	Bank of England rate 8 1/2
Demand, Manila 94 1/2	Sovereigns 10 8/8
T/T. San Francisco and New York 40 1/2	
T/T. Java 115 1/2	
T/T. Marks 197 1/2	
T/T. France 242 1/2	

SHARE REPORT.

STOCKS & PAID UP VALUE.		CLOSING QUOTES.	LAST DIVIDEND AND DATE.
BANKS.			
Hongkong & Shanghai	\$125	\$955 ss.	£2.5.0 at or 1/10/11 equal to \$24.37 for a year ending 31-12-11
Marine Insurance Co.	\$50	\$200 ss.	£2 equal \$22.83 for a year ending 30 June 1911
North China	\$5	\$1150	\$16 for 1910
Union	\$100	\$860	Interim of 10/- for 1910
Yangtze	\$50	\$210	Final of \$30 making \$50 for 1909 and Interim of \$30 for 1910
FIRE INSURANCE.			
China Fire	\$20	\$126 b.	\$7 & 1/2 of \$3 for 1910
Hongkong Fire	\$50	\$382	\$27 for 1910
SHIPPING.			
China & Manilla	\$25	\$114	\$1 for 1906
Douglas Steamships	\$50	\$21	5 p.a. for year end 30-6-11
Steamboats	\$15	\$20 b.	Dividend of \$1 for half year ending 31-12-11
Indo-China (Preferred)	\$5	\$864 b.	8% final making 6% for 1908 8% div. for 1909 on preferred shares
(Deferred)		\$60 b.	1/- per share Coupon No. 15 2/8 per share Coupon No. 16 for 1910.
"Shell" Transports	\$1	\$11 b.	Div. 7 p.a. for year end-30-6-11; ing 30-4-11
"Star Ferry"	\$5	\$174 b.	\$10 for 1910
MINING.			
China Sugar	\$100	\$102 ss.	\$3 for 1897
Union Sugar	\$100	\$81 ss.	Interim of 1/- on account for year ending 28-2-11 (Coupon No. 16)
Chinese Engineering	\$1	\$44 b.	1s. 2d. per share on 150,000
TRADING.			
Tronoh	\$1	\$75/6	\$8 for year ending 31-12-11
Baube	\$1	\$4.50 b.	\$1 final dividend for year 1912
DOCKS, WHARVES, & GODOWNS, Kowloon Wharf	\$50	\$57 b.	Tls. 2 1/2 for 1910
H. K. & W'poo Docks	\$50	\$48.50	Final of Tls. 4 for 1910
Shanghai Docks	T. 100	\$56 b.	\$3 on old shares, \$1.50 on new shares for half year 31-12-11
Hongkong Wharf	T. 100	\$56 b.	Interim div. of \$3 for 1911
LANDS, HOTELS & BUILDINGS.			45 cents for 1910
Anglo French Lands T.100		\$84 b.	\$2.75 for 1911
		\$106 b.	5% for half year to 30-6-11
Hongkong Hotels	\$50	\$87	Interim div. of \$2 for 1911
Hongkong Lands	\$100	\$100 b.	15 per cent. for 1910
Humphreys Estates	\$10	\$61 b.	T4 for year ending 31-12-10
Kowloon Lands	\$80	\$84 b.	T7 for year ending 20-12-10
Shanghai Lands	T. 30	\$87	50 cents 31-7-08
West Point	\$50	\$58 1/2 b.	\$1 for 1910
Manila M'pole Hotel P.O. COTTON MILLS	P.10	P.9.50 ss.	80 cents for 1910
Eyos	T. 50	T.88	\$1.25 for year end 31-7-11
Hongkong Cottons	\$10	\$5	Interim of 15 cents per share for 1910
MISCELLANEOUS.			\$1.20 per share and 1/2 of 10 cents
China-Borneo	\$12	\$94 b.	Final div. of \$10 for year ending 31-12-11
Light and Powers	\$10	\$1.25	\$1 interim account 1911
Do. (Spec. shares)	\$1	\$1.25	Special bonus T. 2 1/2-11
China Provident	\$10	\$22 b.	Interim div. T. 1 1/2-11
Dairy Farms	\$6	\$20 b.	Interim div. T. 1 1/2-11
Green Islands	\$10	\$4.60 b.	Interim div. T. 1 1/2-11
Hongkong Electric	\$10	\$22 ss.	None
Hongkong Ice	\$25	\$205	80 cents on fully paid shares and 8 cents on \$1 paid shares for year ending 30-4-11
Hongkong Ropes	\$10	\$17 b.	None
Langkate	\$10	\$78 1/2 b.	\$1.50 for 1910
Morning Post	\$35	\$32	First year
Peak Tramway	\$10	\$121 ss.	No dividend this year
Do. (new)	\$1	\$1.10	50% for year end 30-6-11
Philippines	\$10	\$5 b.	15 per cent. per ordi
H. P. & Co. I. d.	\$10	\$125 b.	share for year end 31-5-1911
Societe des Freres	\$50	\$87 1/2	75 cents per share for year ending 31-12-1911
Palpooet	\$50	\$87 1/2	10 per cent. for year end 31-7-10
Papierettes			30 cents for 1910
du Tonkin	Bene	\$400	
Shanghai-Sumatra	T. 20	T.110	
Steam Laundry	\$5	\$6	
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